



# The Richard Heathcote C.P. School



*Newsletter – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

## A message from the Headteacher....

I hope that you have all had the chance to read the important correspondence that was sent on Wednesday from our Chair of Governors and myself regarding the arrangements for reporting COVID positive cases during the Christmas holidays. This is available on our school website. Please ensure that you are aware of your obligations.

We have had a super festive week even though we all agreed that it certainly hasn't felt like Christmas normally would in our school. We have really missed sharing nativity plays and carol concerts, our annual PTFA Christmas Fayre, visits from Santa, pantomimes at the theatre and Christmas trips. Hopefully by next year we will be back to normal. Everyone enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday and a special thanks are sent to Mrs Batkin and all of the lunchtime staff for all of their hard work and the children and staff are looking forward to their Christmas parties today. We are so sorry that Willow class will be missing their party at school but they are taking part in lots of Christmas activities virtually and are being absolute superstars working online. We are so proud of you all.

Mrs Chell



## PLAYGROUND RESURFACING

Next week will see the start of the resurfacing work on the back playground. This **will** cause disruption but it is very necessary work. There will be no access to the rear of the school for the duration of the work.

Our arrangements for classroom access is as follows:

- Elm Class - Nursery – no change
- Birch Class - Year 1 – Rear classroom door on the ramp
- Oak Class - Year 2 – Kitchen door (used for care club)
- Ash Class - Year 3/4 – no change
- Sycamore class – Year 4/5 – no change
- Maple Class – Year 5/6 – no change

Entrance to the school site will remain as the main playground gate and the exit gate remains as the office gate. The front gate (in front of the offices) will be open to allow access to Sycamore, Maple and the exit gate. Please be patient during these essential works and it remains extremely important to maintain social distancing at all times whilst on the school site.

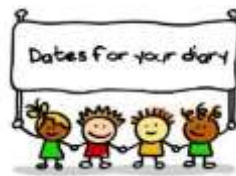


## **SAFEGUARDING / FACEBOOK**

The children and staff of our school are always so proud of our achievements and we love sharing our learning journey with you through social media. We also love receiving your positive comments and words of encouragement, however could we please request that no names are mentioned in the comments to protect and safeguard the children.

**Thank you for your understanding.**

Our parent and visitor code of conduct has also been updated to reflect this request. (available on our website)



## **Autumn Term 2020**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for the Christmas break

## **Spring Term 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens for the Spring Term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – closing date for Reception 2021 admissions

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

